

Copy of Claim 60 as Currently Pending

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) A surgical procedure to be conducted on a patient, said surgical procedure comprising the steps of inserting a first tubular member into the patient's body, moving body tissue from a first location in the patient's body through the first tubular member to a location outside of the patient's body, packing tissue moved through the first tubular member to form a body of packed tissue, inserting a second tubular member into the patient's body, and moving the body of packed tissue through the second tubular member to a second location in the patient's body.

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Claim 1. A method of harvesting and utilizing a human patient's body tissue, said method comprising the steps of cutting tissue at a first location in a patient's body, removing cut tissue from the patient's body during performance of said step of cutting tissue, said step of removing cut tissue from the patient's body including utilizing suction to move cut tissue from the first location in the patient's body to a location outside of the patient's body during performance of said step of cutting tissue, compacting the cut tissue to decrease the volume of a mass of the cut tissue from a first volume to a second volume which is smaller than the first volume, and thereafter, inserting the compacted cut tissue into an opening formed at a second location in the patient's body.

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Claim 1. A method of harvesting and utilizing a patient's body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing tissue from a first location in a patient's body, transporting the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body to a collection

location, said step of transporting the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body includes moving the tissue under the influence of suction, said step of moving the tissue under the influence of suction includes moving the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body under the influence of a flow of fluid conducted to the collection location, said step of transporting the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body to a collection location further includes removing the tissue from the flow of fluid at the collection location, and thereafter, transferring the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body from the collection location to a second location in the patient's body, said step of transferring the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body includes compacting the tissue removed from the first location in the patient's body and removing fluid from the tissue.